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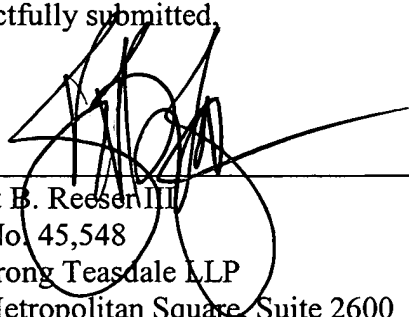
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In response to the Notice dated June 28, 2004 (copy attached), enclosed herewith is a Declaration Under Section 305(c) of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958. This Declaration has been prepared and signed by the inventor(s), Nathan Gerard Gormier, James Edwin Rhoda, and Steven Roy Manwaring.

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That we are the inventors of the invention described and claimed in the above-referenced U.S. patent application;

That the invention was made while we were employed by the General Electric Company, the assignee of the subject invention, using facilities, equipment, materials, funds, information and services furnished by the General Electric Company;

That the invention set forth in the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application was not made (conceived or first actually reduced to practice) under nor is there any known relationship of the making of the invention to the performance of any work under any contract of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration;

That all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by

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- ☐ be "useful in the production or utilization of special nuclear material or atomic energy" as recited in 42 U.S.C. 2182 (Department of Energy (DOE)).
- ☒ have significant utility in the conduct of aeronautical and space activities" as recited in 42 U.S.C. 2457 (National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)).

Accordingly, no patent can issue on this application unless applicant(s) file a statement (under oath or in the form of a declaration as provided by 37 CFR 1.68) setting forth (1) the full facts concerning the circumstances under which the invention was made and conceived and (2) the relationship (if any) of the invention to the performance of any work under any contract or other arrangement with the Agency(ies) noted above. On the reverse side of this form is an example of an acceptable format for this statement. The language appearing in paragraphs III and/or IV of the example *must* appear if applicant is attempting to establish that no relationship (under item 2 above) exists.

If the invention disclosed in this application was developed under a contract, grant or cooperative agreement between the Agency indicated above and a person, small business or non-profit organization and rights to the invention have been determined by specific reference to 35 U.S.C. 202 in the contract, grant or cooperative agreement, then applicant need not submit the statement described above. Instead, applicant may file a verified statement (under oath or in the form of a declaration, 37 CFR 1.68) setting forth the information required by 35 U.S.C. 202(c)(6).

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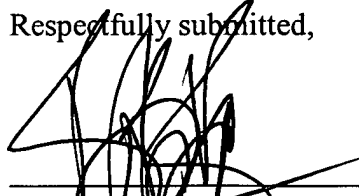
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